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PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants : Reishi Naka et al.  
Application No. : 10/004,538  
Filed : October 23, 2001  
For : THERMAL CONDUCTIVITY MEASUREMENT METHOD AND  
INSTRUMENT AND METHOD OF PRODUCING A HEAT  
INSULATING MATERIAL

Examiner : Gail Kaplan Verbitsky  
Art Unit : 2859  
Docket No. : 980039.409  
Date : April 2, 2004

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

RESPONSE

Commissioner for Patents:

In response to the Office Action dated December 4, 2003, please extend the period of time for response one month, to expire on April 4, 2004. Enclosed are a Petition for an Extension of Time and the requisite fee.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 2 of this paper.